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New Year fireworks

Two free fireworks displays to help see in the New Year

Residents can make sure that their 2013 starts with a bang, as Waltham Forest Council puts on two free fireworks displays to mark the end of a special year of celebration and welcome in the New Year.

The displays will take place at Highams Park (Charter Road, Woodford Green, IG8 9RE) and Leyton Jubilee Park (Marsh Lane, Leyton E10 7DE) on Wednesday 2 January 2013.

The events will take place from 5.30 to 8pm, with the displays starting at 7pm. The fireworks will be choreographed to pop music and refreshments will be available to buy from a range of food and drink stalls.

Council Leader Chris Robbins told Waltham Forest News: "Last year thousands of people attended the New Year fireworks in Chingford and Leyton and I saw people of all ages having a wonderful time with friends and family.

"This year I hope even more residents will turn out to enjoy the events and welcome in the New Year in style."

Last year more than 12,000 residents braved the January chill to watch the New Year fireworks at Highams Park and Marsh Lane Playing Fields (now known as Leyton Jubilee Park). So make sure you put the date in your diary and get ready to wrap up warm and see the night sky lit up by stellar displays.

There will be road closures around both venues and you are advised to travel to the events by public transport. There will be a very limited amount of disabled parking at both Leyton Jubilee Park and Highams Park which will be available on a first come first served basis. You must present a valid blue badge to gain access to disabled parking.

Last year thousands of people turned out to see the New Year fireworks displays at Highams Park and Marsh Lane

More info

For more information on the New Year fireworks, including travel advice and details about road closures, visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/councilevents** or phone **020 8496 3000.**

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In my opinion

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The festive season is well and truly here, and shops around the country are busy restocking their shelves with this year's 'must have' toys and presents.

A straw poll by The Telegraph showed that parents around the country spend on average £112.50 on each child's Christmas presents. This totalled £2.96billion in 2011 for Britain alone. The enormous pressure parents are under to deliver the best, most expensive toys to their little ones may cause families financial problems in the future. We are constantly encouraged to spend increasing amounts of money, leaving ourselves overstretched in the New Year.

What's more, each year around 40 million toys are thrown away and sent to landfill or for incineration. So are the expensive 'must have' toys anything more than colourful pieces of plastic which will be forgotten by next Christmas?

A survey recently published by price comparison website Idealo has claimed that children get more enjoyment playing with the cardboard packaging rather than the toys themselves. So why do we still buy expensive toys that probably won't be played with for more than a few weeks?

Thierry Bourret's 'Slow Toy Movement' emphasises the need for more traditional toys which are fun, encourage creativity and are environmentally friendly.

But are 'slow toys' more preferable than other modern toys? Bourret argues that they provide the play and sentiment value which other toys lack and they will "never go out of fashion". However, are consumers searching to buy toys which they could keep purely for sentimental reasons? It's likely most toys will be thrown away eventually to keep up with the fast pace of consumerism.

In my opinion, we are stuck in the cycle of commerce powered by multinational chains and marketing campaigns which abuse and use Christmas and encourage disadvantaged people to spend more than they can afford.

I think everyone should enjoy Christmas in their own way, but perhaps it's time to go back to traditional values and enjoy the holidays without feeling obliged to spend money we don't have.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.

Vestry House Museum will exhibit vintage photographs and memories of Walthamstow High Street. Right; the Everyday Encounters exhibition at William Morris Gallery features beautiful everyday objects such as Ros Roberts' lamp

A taste of Christmas culture

- **Visit the William Morris Gallery and Vestry House Museum this Christmas**
- **Exhibitions include 'Everyday Encounters' and 'Walthamstow High Street'**

Over the festive period many of us will have friends and family visiting and keeping everyone entertained can be a challenge. The good news for harassed hosts is that Waltham Forest boasts two fabulous Council-run museums and galleries offering free entry and activities to keep visitors of all ages occupied.

The new-look William Morris Gallery (Lloyd Park, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4PP) opened its doors to the public in August following extensive refurbishment works.

The £5million redevelopment was made possible thanks to funding from Waltham Forest Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) as well as many notable trusts, foundations, sponsors and The Friends of the William Morris Gallery.

The gallery features fully-refurbished exhibition spaces with three new galleries; a new library, research and education centre, a tearoom and easier access for visitors with disabilities.

As well as permanent exhibitions featuring the work of William Morris and associated artists, an exhibition by the Society of Designer Craftsmen will run until February 2013. Everyday Encounters explores William Morris' idea that the objects we use in our daily lives have the potential to make life more fulfilling. Twenty eight artists' work is on display, including textiles, ceramics, metal, jewellery and book arts.

The William Morris Gallery is closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day but otherwise will open to the public as normal from 10am to 5pm Wednesday to Sunday. Entry is free.

Vestry House Museum (Vestry Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NH) has had a long and interesting history since its construction in 1730. Over the years the building has been used as a work house, home of the Walthamstow Literary and Scientific Institute, as a police station and private home to the Maynard family.

Visitors can explore life past and present through displays on domestic life, local history, fashion and toys and games. See the Victorian parlour, get locked up in the police cell or study the history of the area by searching the Waltham Forest Archives and Local Studies Library.

The jewel in the museum's crown is the Bremer car. Built locally by engineer Frederick Bremer in 1892 it is one of the oldest British-built petrol driven cars.

A new exhibition that explores the history of Walthamstow High Street will run at the museum until Sunday 24 February 2013.

The exhibition draws on the museum's photographic archive and explores the development of the High Street from a quiet country road to a busy shopping and entertainment hub. On display will be vintage photographs and oral testimonies by people who have lived, worked and shopped on the street over the years.

Vestry House Museum will close at 5pm on Sunday 23 December and reopens at 10am on Wednesday 2 January 2013. So why not pay a visit in the New Year and find out more about Walthamstow's history?

More info

For more information on the William Morris Gallery visit www.wmgallery.org.uk or phone **020 8496 4390**. For more information on Vestry House Museum visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vhm** or phone **020 8496 4391**.

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Council's Christmas opening hours

- **Find out when Council services are operating over the festive period**
- **Full list of opening hours available on Council website**

The borough's parks will be open throughout the festive period, so here's hoping for a white Christmas and family fun in the snow. Photo by Steve Mahon.

During the holiday period the majority of Waltham Forest Council services will be operating, but there will be some changes to opening hours and services on bank holidays and alterations to refuse and recycling collections.

The best way to find out when Council buildings are open is to visit the Council website, which gives full details of all Christmas opening hours.

Refuse and recycling collections will take place either one or two days later than usual from Thursday 27 December until Monday 7 January. Crews will not be working on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

Turn to p7 of this edition of Waltham Forest News for full information about when your refuse and recycling will be collected and how you can recycle your real Christmas trees and other festive waste.

All parks and playgrounds in the borough will be open during the festive period, so you can work off that extra helping of Christmas pudding with a brisk walk in your local green space on Christmas Day.

However, all Council-run bookable sports facilities such as tennis courts and football pitches will not be available on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day.

Most of the borough's Children's Centres will be closed over the holidays, so call your local centre to check if they are open before you leave home.

Hale End, Higham Hill, Lea Bridge and Wood Street libraries will open from 10am to 4pm on Christmas Eve and from 10am to 5pm on, Thursday 27, Friday 28 and Monday 31 December. They will also open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 29 December.

Leyton, Leytonstone, North Chingford and Walthamstow libraries will open from 9am to 4pm on Christmas Eve and from 9am to 5pm on, Thursday 27, Friday 28, Saturday 29 and Monday 31 December.

The Waltham Forest Direct call centre and Walthamstow Customer Service Centre (137 Hoe Street, E17 4RT) will open from 9am to 5pm on Monday 24, Thursday 27, Friday 28 and Monday 31 December. The Customer Service Centre will also open from 9am to 1pm on Saturday 29 December.

The library service, Waltham Forest Direct call centre and Walthamstow Customer Service Centre will return to normal opening hours on Wednesday 2 January 2013.

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Vestry House Museum (Vestry Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NH) will close at 5pm on Sunday 23 December and reopens at 10am on Wednesday 2 January 2013.

In the event of an emergency you can phone the Council's out of hours service, on 020 8496 3000, throughout the Christmas period.

More info

For more information visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidayopening** or phone **020 8496 3000.**. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Shop local this Christmas

With high streets at the heart of the Council's plans to regenerate the borough in 2013, residents are being encouraged to support their neighbourhood businesses by shopping local this Christmas.

As well as being able to soak up the festive atmosphere, residents will be able to pick up everything from last minute stocking fillers to fruit and veg.

Council Leader, Chris Robbins, said: "Encouraging people to shop local is all part of the Council's drive to improve the borough's high streets.

"They play an important role in the community and that is why we are investing £9million into nine of the borough's high streets. In the coming year residents will start to notice improvements to their high streets taking shape as we do everything we can to help them thrive."

Chris added: "With a variety of gift shops, clothes stores, chemists, florists and grocers, our high streets are full of independent shops providing shoppers with something a little bit different to put the finishing touches to their Christmas."

To make shopping local the easy option the Council is also providing residents with free parking in December, allowing parking in any of the borough's voucher bays for 15 minutes without charge.

For longer shopping trips there will also be two hours free parking in Town Centre car parks all day on the four Saturdays in December preceding Christmas Day, and from 4pm on the three Thursday evenings preceding Christmas Day.

The car parks included in the scheme are Brandon Road E17, Church Lane E11, Hall Lane E4, High Street E17, Linford Road E17, Mission Grove E17, Richmond Road E4, South Grove E17 and Stanley Road E10.

Jack Perridge from Jane's Attic in Wood Street Indoor Market

Leader's view

Cllr Chris Robbins

Leader - Waltham Forest Council

It has been a spectacular year for Waltham Forest and 2012 will go down in history as one of the borough's most memorable.

As an Olympic host borough we were at the heart of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which gave residents a host of unique opportunities to soak up the Games-time atmosphere.

While residents made the most of this once-in-a-lifetime experience the Council made sure that it secured lasting benefits for the whole community gaining more than £20million worth of investments for the borough's high streets and open spaces.

But 2012 wasn't just about the Olympics, we had a royal visit from the Queen and Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, our anti-gangs programme helped reduce gang crime and we re-opened the William Morris Gallery after its £5million refurbishment to critical acclaim.

We've made good progress so far, but 2013 will be the year residents see us really put our money where our mouth is in terms of regeneration and our commitment to making Waltham Forest a better place to live.

Building on our regeneration successes with key works in Leyton, Wood Street and Walthamstow High Street, we are investing in our high streets.

> **"We will see some major improvements to the borough in the coming year."**

In addition all of the borough's leisure centres will be refurbished, with Waltham Forest Pool and Track being completely rebuilt. Following planning permission, work will start on developing a multi-screen cinema in the centre of Walthamstow, and more of the borough's primary schools will be improved and expanded.

While these changes will not happen overnight, we will see some major improvements to the borough in the coming year and I am very much looking forward to 2013.

Finally we've capped off our fantastic year by inviting 2,012 of our older residents for a Christmas Lunch and will be welcoming in the New Year with two free firework displays on Wednesday 2 January 2013.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Get involved

I'd like to hear from you. I have a page on the website where you can get more information and email me www.walthamforest.gov.uk/leader and you can write to me at the town hall.

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In brief

Get fit in 2013

While the main Christmas meal is still a week off we bet many of you have already had plenty of Christmas chocolates, mince pies and sips of sweet sherry. Rather than dismay you with the thought of elasticated waistbands and New Year's resolutions, Waltham Forest Council has signed up to a scheme to help you ease yourself into a healthier lifestyle. The Take 12 Challenge encourages people to do one hour of exercise a week for 12 weeks. To encourage a sense of healthy rivalry, boroughs get a point for each resident who signs up online, so visit the Take 12 website and let's show our neighbours what good sports we are!

- **To sign up visit www.take12.org. Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.**

Chief Executive Martin Esom, Mayor Richard Sweden and Council Leader Chris Robbins visit the park

Leyton Jubilee Park

The first phase of improvement works has been completed at Leyton Jubilee Park. Council Leader, Chris Robbins; Mayor of Waltham Forest, Cllr Richard Sweden, and Council Chief Executive, Martin Esom, went to inspect the results on Wednesday 12 December. The new Pavilion (in background of photo above) is particularly striking, with the children's play area also transformed but requiring a little time for the new turf to bed down before it can be used. "It's wonderful that we have been able to invest in this new park for Leyton," said Cllr Robbins. "Our drive to create a better borough is really paying dividends and I'm sure people will appreciate more and more the differences we are making to our leisure facilities, our schools and our high streets."

- **For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.**

Coppermill School's upgrade

Coppermill Primary is the latest Waltham Forest school to be celebrating a funding injection from the Council that has resulted in two new classrooms being built. The extension to the Walthamstow school also sees the introduction of a new reception area, administration office, play area and toilets. It is part of a programme of works being carried out to schools across the borough as part of the Council's 'Better Schools' campaign. Cllr Clare Coghill, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, who attended the opening ceremony, said: "The school looks great and I'm sure it will make for an even better learning environment for the pupils and teachers."

- **For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.**

The Council invited 2,012 older residents to a free Christmas dinner

Christmas meals hit the spot

- **Older people attend Council's free festive meals to round off the Olympic Year**
- **Events also gave residents the chance to meet friends old and new**

Waltham Forest said goodbye to the Olympic Year in style last week, with the Council inviting 2012 of its senior citizens to a slap-up Christmas dinner over the course of four days.

Organised to help those aged 60 and over celebrate the festive season and see off the Olympic Year in memorable fashion, the events gave senior citizens a tasty traditional Christmas meal along with entertainment and the obligatory mince pie or two.

Six meals were laid on by Waltham Forest Council which took place at venues in Chingford, Leyton and Walthamstow from Monday 10 to Thursday 13 December.

"We thought this would be a fitting way to mark the end of a landmark year that has seen a visit from Her Majesty the Queen, the excitement of the Olympic and Paralympic Torch relays and, of course, the splendour of the Games themselves," said Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council.

"Last year we were able to provide some 800 senior citizens with a free Christmas dinner, but this year we upped the ante to make 2012 an even more memorable year for our older residents."

> **"I came for a Christmas lunch last year, but I think they've done an even better job this time."**

Residents were invited to apply for free tickets via voluntary groups, care homes and Waltham Forest News while others were nominated by friends, family, councillors and members of the local community.

And everyone who attended gave the event the thumbs up. "It's been very good," said Jeanette from Chingford. "I came for a Christmas lunch last year but I think they've done an even better job this time. The entertainment's been good and it's been nice to see the schoolchildren performing. 2012 was good with the Olympics, but I'm hoping 2013 will be even better."

Love Your Borough awards

- **Nominate borough's unsung heroes for a community award**
- **Don't delay, nominations close on Friday 1 February 2013**

Nominate your community stalwarts for a Love Your Borough award

Residents are being urged to round off our fantastic Olympic Year by nominating friends, family and stalwarts of the local community for one of the Council's Love Your Borough awards.

The annual awards celebrate the work that residents, groups, businesses, charities and the Emergency Services do to improve the physical environment and quality of life for everyone in Waltham Forest.

Whether it's a local residents' association that has spruced up streets by planting flowers, a sports coach who gives over their free time to get children involved in sports, a young person who helps others in their neighbourhood, a group that has made a major contribution to art in Waltham Forest or someone who helps make our borough safer - we want you to nominate them.

So if you know a community champion who deserves recognition for the effort they make to the local area make sure you nominate them before the closing date on Friday 1 February 2013.

There are 11 award categories, and each winner will receive £250 worth of vouchers as a thank you for their dedication to Waltham Forest. Everyone who is shortlisted for an award will be invited to attend a special celebration evening in April.

Dee Gurfer, who was named Volunteer of the Year 2012, said: "I was amazed that I won the award. Going to the ceremony was a fantastic experience. It was lovely hearing why residents had been nominated for an award and about the good things that people do for others."

Love Your Borough award categories

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Uniformed Service Hero
- Sports Achievement and Recognition
- Volunteer of the Year
- Arts and Culture
- Building Design and Renovation
- Council Team of the Year
- Council Employee of the Year
- Leader's award
- Governor of the Year

More info

Download a nomination form from **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough**, or phone **020 8496 3000** or and ask for a copy of the nomination form to be sent to you.

In brief

Sab Bham is the BBC Unsung Hero for London

BBC award for local man

A resident has been rewarded for two decades of hard work in the local community, winning the BBC Sports 'Unsung Hero' award for London. Sabir 'Sab' Bham, who runs Leytonstone-based community engagement project Salaam Peace, was nominated for his dedicated work in the community which focuses on promoting the positive aspects of Islam and bringing communities together via sport. "Sport has always been a great forum to build friendships, develop relationships and bring people together," Sab told Waltham Forest News. "Sport is a great tool to engage people and you can address so many social issues with it." At the time of Waltham Forest News going to print, Sab was due to attend the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2012 ceremony on Sunday 16 December, where he was in contention to be named National Unsung Hero 2012.

- **For more information visit www.salaampeace.org.**

Better Leisure

Management of Outdoor Sports Pitch & facilities

The London Borough of Waltham Forest is seeking a Management Partner to manage their Outdoor Sports Pitch and Facilities at Leyton Jubilee Park, Drapers Field and Ive Farm Leyton.

Strategically located as one of the 2012 Olympic Host Boroughs LBWF is already at the centre of an unprecedented level of regeneration programmes across the area that has culminated in the successful delivery of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The success of the Olympic and Paralympic Games coupled with the continuing shift of London towards the East presents us with a significant opportunity to bring about a major transformation to the way sports pitches and their associated facilities are managed in the Leyton area.

In pursuit of improved services, the Council is keen to engage and secure the long term development of a sports partnership that can deliver significant benefits in terms of quality playing surfaces and associated facilities to all sectors of the local community.

The Partnership will be tendered in two phases:

PHASE 1:

Registering your expression of interest to participate;
Attending a Market Introduction Day to be held on **Tuesday 15 January 2013** at Leyton Jubilee Sports Pavilion;
Submit an Outline Business Case by **Friday 1 February**.

Those selected will be invited to participate in Phase 2.

PHASE 2:

Submit a Full Business Case setting out your programme for managing the facilities;
Set out details of confirmed partner funding and investment;
Provide Method Statements for the management and operation of the sports facilities.

It is anticipated that Phase 2 submissions are to be received by **29 March 2013**

Each submission received will be assessed and those offering the most advantageous benefits to the local community will be invited to make a presentation to the Selection Panel.

To participate in this exciting opportunity and for a copy of the Information Pack please email:
sports.dev@walthamforest.gov.uk

Market Introduction Day to be held on **15 January 2013**

Submit an Outline Business Case by **1 February 2013**

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Inspiring sport after the Games

Waltham Forest

In brief

Named and shamed

Waltham Forest Council is committed to cleaning up the borough and wiping out enviro-crime in Waltham Forest. We will take tough action against those people who continue to blight our borough, and will name and shame the people we catch treating our borough like a dumping ground.

The following people and companies have been successfully prosecuted for enviro-crimes:

Who?	Countrywide Residential Lettings Ltd.
Where from?	Southend on Sea
The offence?	Displaying Estate Agent board longer than permitted.
The outcome?	£200 fine, £920 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Kiran Patel
Where from?	Chingford
The offence?	Fly-tipping and failure to produce waste transfer notes
The outcome?	£150, £400 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Roy Wright
Where from?	Leyton
The offence?	Littering
The outcome?	£100 fine, £100 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Balitka Stores Ltd
Where from?	Walthamstow
The offence?	Failure to produce waste transfer notes
The outcome?	£1,000 fine, £600 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Moonlight Stores/Bonel Ltd
Where from?	Walthamstow
The offence?	Fly-tipping
The outcome?	£1,500 fine, £1,100 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Ludlow Thompson
Where from?	Walthamstow
The offence?	Business allowed member of staff to deposit waste on highway
The outcome?	£1,000 fine, £880 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Dawn Toussaint
Where from?	Leytonstone
The offence?	Failing to comply with dropped kerb notice.
The outcome?	£70 fine, £70 costs and a £15 victim surcharge

Who?	Raymond Joyce
Where from?	Leyton
The offence?	Fly-tipping
The outcome?	£115 fine and £240 costs

- **To report an enviro-crime visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-it or phone Waltham Forest Direct on 0208 8496 3000.**

Remember that you can recycle most of your Christmas waste once the festivities are over.

Dreaming of a green Christmas

- **Christmas can create 30 per cent more waste than normal – so dispose of it responsibly**
- **Festive food, tired trees, bottles and ripped wrapping paper can all be recycled**

Have yourself a messy little Christmas – but make sure all the wrapping and Christmas cards, all the packaging from the kids' toys and all the empty bottles and cans are recycled and not just mixed in with your general rubbish.

Your green bin will happily gobble up your share of the 13,350 tonnes of glass that will be thrown out in the UK during the festive season – from the bottles of bubbly and sherry to the jars of mincemeat and cranberry sauce.

Likewise chuck in your wrapping paper – nationwide we'll use up an incredible 226,800 miles (10,734 tonnes) this yuletide! But remember, you can only recycle wrapping paper and cards that do not contain glitter or foil wrap.

It's rare that the entire Christmas dinner is polished off, with leftovers being entirely predictable. If you can't manage to gobble it all up in the coming days, put it in your brown bin and we'll compost it.

It's a sad fact that a staggering 230,000 tonnes of festive food worth approximately £275million gets thrown away across the country over the Christmas period. When you consider we buy 10 million turkeys, 370 million mince pies and 25 million Christmas puddings, it's hardly surprising we don't get through it all! You can get ideas how to make tasty snacks and dinners with your Christmas leftovers from www.lovefoodhatewaste.org.

Keep your kitchen caddy fed with any food scraps (except bones) and regularly empty into your brown bin anything you can't manage. There's always room for a dollop of brandy butter, a half-eaten turkey sandwich, a slice of Christmas cake or even a portion of cold Brussels sprouts.

When your carpet starts to resemble a forest floor it's time to get the tree out of the living room. You can either stick it in your brown bin (if it will fit) or leave it beside your brown bin and we'll pick it up.

And if you've got any other organic waste that can be composted rather than thrown into landfill – perhaps the flowers that graced the Christmas table or sprigs of holly and ivy you used to decorate the mantelpiece – again, put them in your brown bin.

And if if you're finally fed up with perching on chairs of different heights around that little dining room table and decide to splash out on a new dining set in the January sales, give us a call and arrange for your old unwanted furniture to be taken away.

Not only is it free, but the Council's bulky waste collection service can collect as many as five bulky items in one go and isn't just restricted to furniture. We'll collect televisions, carpets, bathroom and kitchen appliances, bikes and much more besides – check out the Council website for a full list.

More info

For more information on what you can and can't recycle, or to find out about the holiday schedule, phone **020 8496 3000** or visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling**.

Extension consultation

- **Residents urged to respond to Government consultation on house extensions**
- **Bigger extensions could be allowed without planning permission**

The Council wants residents to have their say on the Government's proposal to relax planning laws

A Government consultation into whether proposals to relax permitted development rights for household extensions should be allowed has been met with opposition from numerous local authorities and organisations such as the Local Government Association.

Waltham Forest Council is one of the authorities opposed to the move, which it says will remove people's right to have a say on development which affects them and their neighbourhoods.

"I'm concerned this will lead to inappropriate development that will have a lasting negative impact on our neighbourhoods," said Cllr Clyde Loakes, Cabinet Member for Environment.

"While I appreciate the Government believes that some economic benefits may be realised by relaxing planning laws, I suspect any good will be far outweighed by the potential for harmful impacts to local areas.

"At a very local level it will mean concerned neighbours will have less say on proposed kitchen and loft extensions, while more broadly we're talking about issues such as urban blight, increased flood risks and ecological damage.

"I also don't think that this is necessary as Councils already accept over 90 per cent of householder planning applications. Plus it will be costly for the Council as we will still be duty bound to carry out checks to ensure development complies with rules, but we won't be able to recoup that money by charging a fee.

"I believe it is right for local councils to permit the sort of development that is suitable for the areas they know and represent, but whatever your view I would urge you to take part in this important consultation."

More info

If you would like to have your say as part of the Government's consultation, visit **www.gov.uk** and read the proposals set out under the heading 'Extending permitted development rights for homeowners and businesses'. You have until Christmas Eve to have your say, so don't miss the opportunity to speak out.

In brief

Waltham Forest Council is ready for any snowy weather

Ready for snow

Being prepared for winter is a responsibility Waltham Forest Council takes seriously, and this year we are more ready than ever in case of bad weather. The Council has 1,750 tonnes of salt rock stored at its depot ready for spreading on the borough's roads. To distribute it the Council has a fleet of four purpose-built 18 tonne gritters, two 14 tonne tippers, two flatbed trucks, two snow ploughs, a JCB with a shovel and a 'bobcat' digger. The Council also has a team of over 500 Snow Angels – volunteer residents who are equipped to clear residential paths and pavements – and 176 grit bins places strategically around the borough.

- **For more information, and to read the Council's Winter Service Plan, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/winter-maint. Free internet access is available at all of the borough's libraries.**

Your Christmas Collection days are:

Monday 24th December	Monday collection roads
Tuesday 25th December	No collections
Wednesday 26th December	No collections
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Sunday 30th December	Friday collection roads
Monday 31st December	Monday collection roads
Tuesday 1st January	No collections
Wednesday 2nd January	Tuesday collection roads
Thursday 3rd January	Wednesday collection roads
Friday 4th January	Thursday collection roads
Saturday 5th January	Friday collection roads

Please place your real Christmas Tree out for collection on your Brown bin day.

Please check the "My Place" section at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk** for your brown bin collection day.

Waltham Forest

What's On

Sports and fitness

West Essex Ramblers family walk

Saturday 29 December, 10.30am
Meet at Gunpowder Park, Sewardstone Road
West Essex Ramblers invite you to come along to this easy family walk. The three mile walk is suitable for all ages, including those in buggies. We are a friendly walking group and have walks every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. **For more information phone 020 8502 1628 or visit www.westessexramblers.org.uk.**

Yoga for healthy lower backs

Mondays from January, 8.15-9.30pm
Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, E11 3AU. A 12 week course. **For more information visit www.yoga4birth.co.uk, email info@yoga4birth.co.uk or phone 07976 903003.**

Female self-defence classes

Every Thursday, 7-8.30pm
St Peter and St Paul Vestry Hall, The Green, E4 7EN. Learn practical physical skills for effective self-defence as well as how to feel confident in challenging circumstances, in a relaxed environment with friendly and experienced instructors. All ages and fitness levels welcome. **For more information phone Sarah on 07967693878, email info@oakwolf.co.uk or visit www.oakwolf.co.uk.**

Zumba with the Chingford Krew

Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm
Experience Zumba fun and fitness with the Chingford Krew. You will not be disappointed. Classes start from £4.75. **For further information visit www.latinvibes.co.uk, phone 0845 539 0079 or email zumba@latinvibes.co.uk.**

Pegasus Military Fitness (boot camp)

Tuesdays, 7pm and Saturdays, 9am
Meet Tuesdays at New Road car park, Chingford, E4 9EY. Meet Saturdays at Bury Road car park, Chingford Plains. Group fitness classes for all abilities, run by motivational instructors. First session is free then £5 per session pay as you go. **For more information visit www.pegasusmilitaryfitness.com or phone 07866 658735.**

Pregnancy yoga class

Tuesdays, 6.15pm-7.45pm
Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, Leytonstone. £12 per class. **For more information email helen.georghiou@mac.com, phone 07956 807675 or visit www.helenyoga.co.uk.**

Walthamstow Sports Hub

Every Wednesday, 5 - 8pm
Walthamstow Academy, Billet Road, E17 5DP. This is a great chance for young people to engage in a variety of sports in a friendly and sociable environment. Every Wednesday the Sports Hub will offer a diverse selection of activities, where participants can pick and choose what sport they would like to take part in. The sports are delivered by coaches from local clubs and the evening is run by volunteers. This is for those aged 12 - 30, so come along and try something new! £2 per evening. **For more information phone Kate Anstey on 07737 662771.**

Lea Valley Friends short walks

Days and times vary
If you find long walks too much for you, why not try walking with us. Walks last two hours. We have a varied programme covering city, canal, forest and country village walks. We are a friendly group and you would receive a warm welcome. **For more information visit www.leavalleyfriends.org.uk, email lvfwalkers2001@hotmail.com or phone 020 8529 1602.**

Walthamstow Borough Bowls Club

Practice Mondays, 10am
Club matches Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.
Enjoy social or competitive bowling. New members, including beginners and all ages, are very welcome. Join our friendly club to meet new people, improve your health and wellbeing and get outdoors. We play on a synthetic green, which is easier to bowl if you have mobility restrictions. Also on the synthetic green: over 50s casual sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.45am (all year). Everyone welcome. **For further information phone 020 8923 1148 or email Bob.belam@gmail.com.**

London East Aikido

Tuesdays and Fridays, 6.30pm
Walthamstow. Aikido in Walthamstow with London East Aikido. New members welcome. Aikido is a non-competitive Martial Art. £7.50 per class. **For more details phone Steve on 07838 387057.**

Waltham Forest Green Gym

Every Friday 10.45am-2pm
Abbotts Park, Leytonstone, E10 6HT 'Join in, feel good'. The Conservation Volunteers Green Gym is a scheme which inspires you to improve both your health and the environment at the same time. Experienced leaders guide you through a range of practical projects, giving you the opportunity to tackle physical jobs in the outdoors - improving your strength and stamina, boosting your practical skills and confidence and benefitting your local green spaces. **For more information phone 020 8533 8022, email gg-waltham-forest@tcv.org.uk or visit http://www2.tcv.org.uk/display/btcv_ggwalthamforest.**

Clubs and community

Walthamstow WEA adult education class – London: from the Celts to the Tudors

Starts Tuesday 8 January, 7.30-9.30pm
Shern Hall Methodist Church Hall, Shernhall Street, E17 9HX
A fort becomes a town, then a city: the impact of Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Norman invasions; how London sucked in population from the rest of England, then from elsewhere in Britain, from refugees fleeing Catholic Europe, and finally from colonisation. No special knowledge assumed and no homework! Free if you are on some income related benefits or £75 for the course. **To enrol, or find out more, email walthamstowwea@yahoo.co.uk or phone 0800 328 1060.**

Walthamstow WEA adult education class - Plays of Alan Bennett

Starts Tuesday 8 January, 10am -12noon
Greenleaf Centre, Greenleaf Road, E17 6QP. This ten week course will primarily study a selection of Bennett's theatre plays. We shall discuss these in terms of dialogue, character and structure, while also workshopping short extracts. No experience necessary only an enthusiasm for studying the history and techniques of theatre with others. Free if you are on some income related benefits or £75 for the course. **To enrol, or find out more, email walthamstowwea@yahoo.co.uk or phone 0800 328 1060.**

East London Humanists

Monday 28 January, 7.30-9pm
Wanstead Library, Spratt Hall Road, E11 2RQ. Corinna Ferguson, lawyer with human rights group 'Liberty' will speak and lead a discussion on religious freedom v the 'Secular State.' Corinna has acted and advised in a number of high profile cases involving religious freedom in the work place. Entrance is free and light refreshments are available. Free parking, or venue is two minutes from Wanstead Tube. **For more information visit www.eastlondon.humanist.org.uk or www.meetup.com/East-London-Humanists.**

Carols on the Green

Sunday 23 December, 5.30-6pm
Knotts Green, Lea Bridge Road, E10
A short, open air carol service to celebrate Christmas, followed by light refreshments. All welcome! No charge. Held with the permission of, and thanks to, the City of London and led by GateWay Church Leyton.

Community local produce stall

Every Saturday, 11am–3pm
St John's Church, Church Lane, Leytonstone (between the church and Matalan, just off the High Road) A stall selling delicious, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables, and other local produce. A partnership between Organiclea and Transition Leytonstone. **For more information email info@transitionleytonstone.org.uk or phone 020 8556 0885**

The Good Life Club

Wednesdays, 1-3pm
Greenleaf Church Hall, Greenleaf Road, E17. The Good Life Club is a club for anybody aged 55 or over. We meet every Wednesday. We have singers, speakers, games, literary afternoons, word searches and more. Only £2 per session. **For more information phone Bernard Aarons on 020 8521 3953 or email bjaarons@gmail.com.**

Freddy Boy's Big Rock and Roll Dance

Friday 21 December, 7.30pm
Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, E4 7EN. Featuring Barry Steele as Roy Orbison, Lee Jackson as Elvis Presley, Gavin Stanley as Billy Fury and Mark Robinson as Buddy Holly. With Radar Record Hop playing all your favourite tunes and 14 year old piano boogie woogie boy Cody Lee. Evening also includes clothes stall, raffle, refreshments and bar. Tickets cost £15 and are on sale now. Book early to avoid disappointment. **For more information, or to book, phone Freddy on 07930 544312.**

Parkinsons UK Waltham Forest Branch

Third Thursday of every month, 7.30-9.30pm
South Chingford Congregational Church, E4 8LT
Every Tuesday, 2.30-4.30pm
Winchester Road Methodist Church, E4 9JP
Our aim is to offer support and friendship to people with Parkinsons and their carers. At our drop in session every Tuesday afternoon there's time for a chat and a cuppa, some games and crafts and round the afternoon off with half an hour of gentle sit down exercise with a qualified instructor. Come and join us and make some new friends. **For more information please phone Margaret on 020 8923 6161.**

The South Chingford Community Library

Saturdays, 10am-4pm; Wednesdays, 10am-4pm; Thursdays, 10am-2pm
265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP
The South Chingford Community Library is extending its opening times from October. Handcraft sessions will start at the library on Thursday 10 October 2012.

Culture and crafts

How to write for children

Sundays from 13 January to 3 February, 11am-1pm
Orford House Social Club, Orford Road, E17. A writing workshop with Brandon Robshaw. Course costs £65 and payment by instalments is accepted. All levels of writers welcome. **To book email rochelle@mendham-writers,com, visit www.mendham-writers.com or phone 07743 898043.**

E17 Jazz

Wednesday 30 January, 8.30-11pm
Orford House Social Club, 73 Orford Road, E17 9QR. The award winning E17 Jazz Collective presents concerts on the last Wednesday of each month featuring local musicians of national renown plus exciting guest stars in a relaxed jazz club setting. Entry £5. **For more information visit www.e17jazz.com/whatson**

Ukulele drop in workshop for adults

Saturday 8 December, 2-4pm
Studio Office, Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
This is your chance to learn a few simple chords, impress your friends, and if it really grabs you, join the regular classes starting up in January! It's never too late! **For further information please phone Dick Smith on 07903 419691, email dickbanjosmith@gmail.com or visit www.banjosmith.co.uk.**

Strung Out violin group for adults

Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30pm easy; 7.30-8.30pm beginners
Thursdays, 6.30-8pm Intermediates
Studio Office, Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Got a violin in your attic you want to dust down? Fancy learning a new skill? Our motto is "it's never too late!" Strung Out is a fun violin group for adult enthusiasts of all levels, with a professional musician whose work spans from the West End to Womad. All styles of music welcomed from classical to traditional tunes. Fun is the key ingredient! Private lessons also available for all age groups. **For further information phone Alison Jones on 07740 622428, email strungout@shapeshifter-productions.com or visit www.shapeshifter-productions.com**

Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesdays from 22 January, 6.30-8pm
The Health Works, 111a Hoe Street (entrance in Cairo Road), E17 4RX
Do you feel stressed and anxious or irritable? Do you find it difficult to switch off? Do you have trouble sleeping? Do you struggle with difficult emotions? Do you suffer with depression? If the answer to any of the above is 'yes', then Mindfulness Meditation can help you change that. An eight week course. Only 10 spaces available. Book early to avoid disappointment. **For more information, or to book, phone Catherine on 07535 477191, email info@catherineayensu-cbt.co.uk or visit www.catherineayensu-cbt.co.uk.**

Woodhouse Players present Snow White

Friday 11 and Friday 18 January, 8pm. Saturday 12 and Saturday 19 January, 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Welsh Church Hall, 879 Leytonstone High Road, E11 1HR. Be transported to the kingdom of Pimplevania, home to the lovely Snow White and her seven short friends! A family show that includes everything a good panto should: a beautiful princess, a handsome prince, a jealous evil queen, bumbling spies and a love sick dame. Come and find out if true love's kiss can really save the day? Tickets cost £8 for adults and £5 for concessions. **To buy tickets email tickets@woodhouseplayers.co.uk, phone 020 8504 3872 or visit www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk.**

Forest Writers Group

Twice monthly Thursdays, 8-10pm.
Local group of writers hold regular meetings in Walthamstow, twice a month. It's usual to present a short piece or extract, for friendly, constructive comments. Any style or genre of writing, and anyone over 18 is welcome, professional authors and part-time hobbyists alike. **For more information email forestwriters@hotmail.co.uk.**

Children and young people

Theatretrain Waltham Forest

Saturdays, 2.30-5.30pm
Leytonstone School, E11 1JD
Professional training in performing arts. Dance, act and sing for three hours every Saturday. We will perform at The O2 in July 2013. **For more information phone 01992 812668 or email walthamforest@theatretrain.co.uk.**

Chingford RFC mini rugby.

Sundays, 10.30am
Lea Valley Playing Fields, Waltham Way, E4 8AQ. Does your son or daughter want to have some fun? Then why not bring them down to Chingford RFC for some rugby training? If they're aged between six and 10 years old come on down to a family friendly atmosphere where the children can have lots of fun and learn how to play the great game of rugby. **For more information please phone Fleur Quill on 07977-072983 or Paul Quill on 07855 280769.**

E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays
Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH. Four different levels. Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. We perform regularly! Pay £7 (£5 beginners) for a taster session, then £42 (£30 beginners) for a half-term of six lessons. **For more information phone Christian 07958 471083, email chris@stunningmusic.com or visit www.stunningmusic.com.**

LOASS FC under 9 goalkeeper needed

Tuesdays, 5.30-7.30pm
Low Hall Sports Ground, South Access Road, E17 8AX.
LOASS FC are looking for a goalkeeper for their under nine (school year four) team. We train on Tuesdays and play in Saturday leagues. All of our coaches are FA qualified/crb/first aid. **If you would like to come along for a trial or training session please phone the Club Secretary on 07748 660262 or email loass_secretary@hotmail.com.**

Youth courses - Entrepreneurship and Human Rights

Fridays and Saturdays from 1 December to 20 January 2013
Our courses empower young people with the skills, knowledge and confidence to bring about change. **For more information, or to book, email Helena at office@hrfocus.org.**

Salaam Peace multi-sports

Tuesdays,6-8pm
Kelmscott Leisure Centre, Markhouse Road E17. Multi-sports activities for young people aged 11 to 18. Just turn up and play. **For more information email sab@salaampeace.org.**

Junior tennis coaching

Monday to Saturday
Whitehall Tennis Club, Larkshall Road E4. Tennis coaching for children aged two and over. Weekly classes from £2.50. **For more information please email abatandaball@hotmail.co.uk or phone Jess on 077866 46378.**

Pro Star Football Academy

Saturdays, 10-11am
Wednesdays, 5-6pm
Goals Soccer Centre, 3 Morrison's Avenue, E4 8FM
Football session for children aged three to five years. £5 per child, per session. **For more information phone Pro Star Football Academy on 07539 009722 or email prostarfootballacademy@live.co.uk.**

Children and Young People's Directory

Compiled by the Council's Family Information Service (FIS), the directory gives free, impartial advice on childcare, general information on a wide range of services for children, young people and families and lists leisure and recreation activities of all kinds. **For more information visit http://csd.walthamforest.gov.uk**

Community Ward Forums

Leytonstone

Wednesday 9 January 2013, 7-9pm
St John's Church, 825 High Road, Leytonstone, E11 1HH

Hale End and Highams Park and Hatch Lane

Thursday 24 January 2012, 7-9pm
Thorpe Hall Primary School, Hale End Road, Walthamstow, E17 4DP

For more information on Community Ward Forums visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

Council meetings

Tuesday 8 January

Planning Committee

Wednesday 9 January

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Tuesday 15 January

Cabinet, 5.30pm

THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS 1992 - 2012
Every Saturday 2.30-5.30pm
Professional training in the Performing Arts
Aged 6-18 years
Spring Term starts January 5th 2013
No previous experience necessary
Theatretrain Waltham Forest
Leytonstone School,
Colworth Rd, E11 1JD
walthamforest@theatretrain.co.uk
01992 812 668
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www.theatretrain.co.uk
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Tell us what's on

Email your event details to:
walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk
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The deadline for 14 January 2013 edition is
Friday 14 December

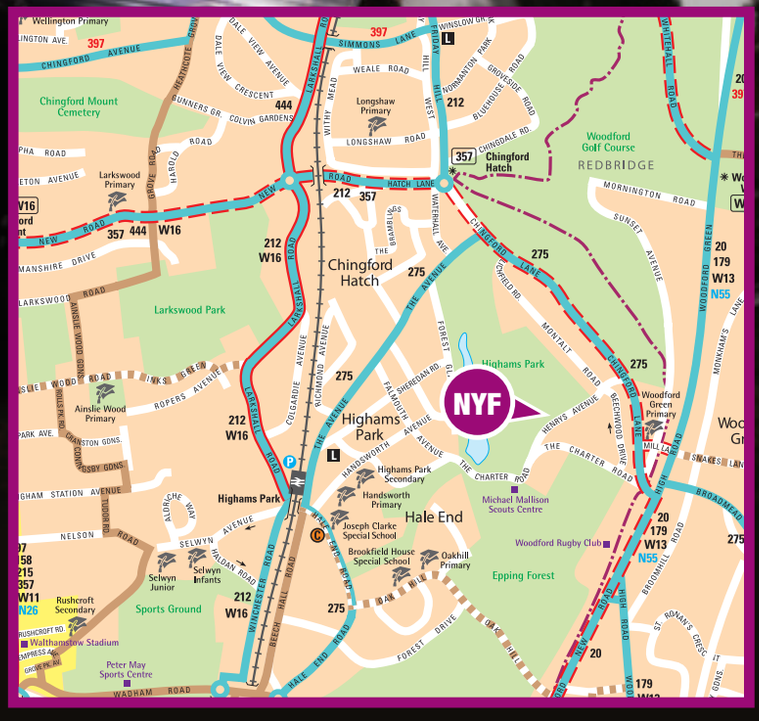
Please note inclusion cannot be guaranteed, due to the high volume of requests received.

New Year ... New Job?
Keyworkers
NVQ in Care & Education levels 2 & 3
For more information please contact The Lloyd Park Centre on:
020 8531 9522 or email Lpc@thelloydparkcentre.co.uk
Waltham Forest
The Lloyd Park Centre
Charity No. 1102134
THE LLOYD PARK CENTRE
building for a brighter future
A Sure Start Children's Centre

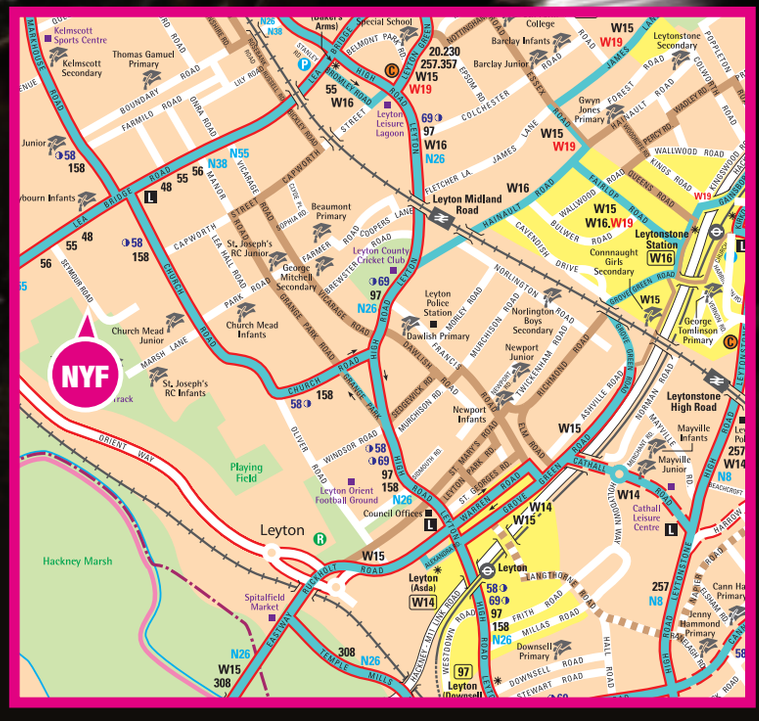
FREE EVENT

2013 New Year Fireworks

Wednesday 2 January 2013, 5.30pm-8pm
Show starts at 7pm



The Highams Park
Henrys Avenue entrance, IG8 9RF



Leyton Jubillee Park
Main entrance in Seymour Road (access also in Marsh Lane)
Leyton E10 7DE

For more details including travel information please visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/councilevents

Waltham Forest

Merry Christmas

- **Waltham Forest gets ready for festive fun**
- **Schoolchildren take part in concerts, pantomimes and traditional nativity plays**

Father Christmas paid a visit to Ainslie Wood Primary, Highams Park

Oakhill Primary performed a nativity play

Knitted Christmas at Howard Road, E17

Penryn Pre School. Photo by Waltham Forest Guardian

Tottenham Hotspur players Kyle Walker and Benoit Assou-Ekotto visit Whipps Cross Hospital

Christmas is coming to Waltham Forest and residents have been getting ready with festive events happening across the borough.

Children from the reception and nursery classes at Oakhill Primary School, Woodford Green performed their nativity play to the rest of the school on Wednesday 12 December.

Walthamstow resident Sue Haggerty, who decorated her front garden with knitted athletes during the Olympic and Paralympic Games, has once again been busy with her knitting needles. Sue's garden is now decorated with an array of colourful knitted characters including reindeers, Santa and toy soldiers – much to the delight of other residents.

Some of Tottenham Hotspur FC's stars made their way to Whipps Cross University Hospital on Wednesday 12 December to meet patients and their families as part of the club's annual Christmas visit.

Benoit Assou-Ekotto, Clint Dempsey, Hugo Lloris and Kyle Walker visited the Acorn Children's Ward to hand out presents and Spurs goodies.

American international Dempsey, 29, said: "It is sad that children are in hospital at this time of year, but the patients were happy to see us and we were happy to see them. It brings home what life is all about, us all coming together and helping people."

Pupils at Ainslie Wood Primary School in Highams Park held a Christmas Fair earlier this month.

Headteacher Kate Jennings told Waltham Forest News: "We have the fair every year as a way of raising funds for the school and to celebrate Christmas. As always the main attraction was Santa in his grotto."

Despite suffering an arson attack on Sunday 9 December, Penrhyn Pre-School, on the Priory Court Estate in Walthamstow, was able to go ahead with their festive concert on Wednesday 12 December after local residents helped clear up the mess.

At the time of Waltham Forest News going to print many other schools and community groups were planning their own pantomimes, carol concerts and other seasonal celebrations.

To find out what's happening in your area turn to the 'What's On' pages in this edition of Waltham Forest News.

In brief

Come a'carolling

Residents of Milton Road, Walthamstow, are set to hold a Christmas Carol Extravaganza on Thursday 20 December and are encouraging people living nearby to join them for a good old fashioned Christmas sing song. A section of Milton Road, between the junctions with Tower Hamlets Road and Browns Road, will be closed off to allow everyone to enjoy the event traffic-free. The evening starts at 7pm and the Milton Road Singers will be accompanied by the Salvation Army Brass Band. Song sheets will be provided. There will also be a Christmas tree, hot chestnuts, cakes, tea and perhaps even a seasonal snifter or two for the adults. A collection will be taken in aid of Haven House Children's Hospice and the Salvation Army will have a table where you can leave produce and canned goods to help others over Christmas. So if you're in the area why not wrap up warm and join your neighbours for a bit of festive fun?

- **For more information visit http://milimpicsstreetparty.wordpress.com/ or search #carolsinthestreet20Dec on Twitter. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough**

Walthamstow Market will be open on Christmas Eve

Walthamstow Market open on Christmas Eve

There's good news for those of us who always leave our Christmas shopping until the last minute, as this year Walthamstow Market will open on Christmas Eve. The market will run from 8am to 5.30pm and shoppers can pick up everything from fresh fruit and veg for their Christmas dinners, to last minute stocking fillers for the kids or a gift for that unexpected guest who'll be coming to visit during the holidays. Walthamstow Market features stalls selling an array of food, clothes, household goods, toys, flowers and much more. There are also stalls offering international food and drink and nearby cafes and restaurants serving up everything from Caribbean cuisine to traditional east end fare like pie and mash or jellied eels. So rather than fighting your way through the heaving crowds in central London or at out of town shopping centres, why not shop locally instead?

- **For more information on Walthamstow Market visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/walthamstowmarket. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough**

In brief

The HARRP Trust

A Haringey-based charity is set to start helping offenders from Waltham Forest following a lottery cash boost. The HARRP Trust works with offenders aged 18-25 who've been sentenced to 12 months or less in prison, helping them find work and housing once they've left prison and supporting them in terms of education and employability skills while inside. Research shows that these types of offenders – those sentenced to relatively short stretches – make up more than 60 per cent of London's repeat offenders. Additionally, the Confederation of British Industries estimates that reducing the re-offending rate by just 10 per cent would save the UK economy a massive £1million a year.

• For more information visit www.harrptrust.org.uk. Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

Be careful when catching a taxi

Be Cabwise

If you're planning on eating, drinking and being merry this holiday season, Transport for London (TfL) is reminding you to travel home safely after a night on the tiles. While there's been a city-wide crackdown on illegal minicabs and a 26 per cent drop in cab-related sexual assaults, TfL recommends you remain vigilant and if you plan on catching a taxi home that you only use a licensed mini cab that has been booked in advance or a black cab. To help you out you can download the free Cabwise app from the TfL website or text 60835 to get three local taxi firm numbers sent straight to your mobile phone.

• For more information visit www.tfl.gov.uk/cabwise. Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

Safe Drive Stay Alive

A show called 'Safe Drive Stay Alive', aimed at 16 to 19 year olds, was staged at Chingford Assembly Hall last month as part of a joint initiative between Waltham Forest Council's Road Safety Unit, the Metropolitan Police, the London Ambulance Service and the London Fire Brigade. The show, based on powerful personal testimonies, made the audience aware of the tragedy and suffering that road traffic collisions can cause. Performances for several schools place over the course of a week. Students currently in the sixth form at local schools were particularly targeted, with the aim of reducing the number of casualties among young people by questioning their behaviour and attitude on the roads.

• For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/road-safety or www.safedrivestayalive.org. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Don't suffer in silence this Christmas, as help is available in the borough

Domestic violence: no excuse

Last month Waltham Forest marked White Ribbon Day, an international campaign urging men and boys to wear a white ribbon as a pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent when it comes to violence against women.

While obviously an issue that can occur at any time of year, it's often at Christmas when tensions can mount, tempers can flare, and what should be a time for family celebration can end in arguments and even abuse.

The stark facts are that one in four women and one in six men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Every year there are some 13 million separate incidents of physical violence or threats of violence against women from their partners or former partners and in cases of ongoing domestic or sexual abuse 89 per cent of the victims are women.

In September this year the Home Office announced the definition of domestic violence and abuse would be widened to cover victims under the age of 18. This covers any incidence of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour between those who are or have been partners or family members, be it psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse.

Organisations across the borough are hard at work to turn the tide, with Victim Support Waltham Forest receiving well over 2,000 domestic violence related referrals last year and local organisation Report It – which provides free confidential legal advice to victims of domestic violence and hate crime – securing almost 100 court orders, injunctions and non-molestation orders against abusive partners.

Other organisations operating in Waltham Forest include Victim Support Waltham Forest; The Kiran Project; the Ashiana Network; Haven Waltham Forest and ELOP who offer counselling for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people experiencing domestic violence. The Council website has contact details for these organisations, as well as phone numbers for several national charities offering help and advice.

"Domestic violence is something that we need to constantly bear in mind," said Cllr Liaquat Ali, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion.

"It can take many forms and take place in any kind of relationship or household. I'd urge anyone who has been subjected to domestic violence or who has concerns for a friend or family member to seek the free and confidential help that is on offer locally."

Help available locally

Victim Support Waltham Forest - Practical and emotional support for victims of crime and specialist support for victims of rape and serious sexual assault. Phone **0845 30 30 900**.

The Kiran Project – Services for Asian women and their children, including safe temporary accommodation. Phone **020 8558 1986**.

The Ashiana Network – Refuge and outreach for South Asian, Turkish and Iranian women aged 16-30 experiencing domestic violence and forced marriage. Phone **020 8539 0427**.

Waltham Forest Haven – Support and counselling for victims of sexual violence, sexual abuse and domestic violence. Phone **020 8539 4157.**

ELOP – Counselling for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people experiencing domestic violence. Phone **020 8509 3898.**

More info

For free help and advice contact Report It on **020 8558 6228** (Monday-Friday, 9.30am-5pm), email **support@reportit.me.uk**, go to 702 High Road, Leyton E10 6JP in person or visit **www.reportit.me.uk**
In case of an emergency always phone **999**. A full list of local and national organisations offering help and support is available online at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk** – just search for 'domestic violence'. Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

Better High Streets ■ Better Leisure ■ Better Schools

Creating a better place to live

The Council is committed to improving high streets in the borough. Following on from our announcement in October work is now well underway on improving nine high street areas with street improvements and shop front works.

South Chingford

After successful shop front schemes in Leyton and Walthamstow businesses on Albert Crescent have been contacted to see if they would like to take part in a similar scheme. Council officers met with some of the shop owners last week to discuss requirements and details of the work.

South Leytonstone

Residents of South Leytonstone are already beginning to see the first phase of further street improvement works to High Road Leytonstone. This includes improving the pavements and road, which will be complete by the end of January 2013.

Wood Street

Have your say on how you think a re-designed playground by the Plaza in Wood Street might look. The area has already improved significantly in the last year with changes to the plaza, street works and new lighting. Now we want to work out how best to enhance the play facilities available for young people in the area.

The consultation will run from Monday 17 December until Friday 25 January.

The proposals are available online at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/woodstreet** and in Wood Street Library. There will also be two drop-in sessions in the Plaza playground on Friday 21 December 1pm-4pm and on Tuesday 15 January 10am-1pm.

Coming soon

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes on the other high street areas; Blackhorse Lane, Francis Road, Higham Hill, Lea Bridge Road and Bakers Arms, South Leyton and Walthamstow. Look out for more information in Waltham Forest News soon.

For more information on how the Council is creating a better place visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace**

Waltham Fores

Public Notices

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ACACIA ROAD E17 - FREE LOADING BAY, CHINGFORD MOUNT E4, HIGH ROAD LEYTON E10 AND STATION ROAD E4 AREAS - CONVERSION OF VOUCHER PARKING PLACES — FREE PARKING FOR 15 MINUTES AND VOUCHER PARKING
Waltham Forest (Voucher Parking Places) (Chingford Mount Road High Road Leyton and Station Road) (No. 1) Traffic Order 2012
The Waltham Forest (Free Loading Places) (Amendment No. 8) Order 2012. T22(2)

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 14th December 2012 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to indefinitely continue the provisions of the experimental Orders which:-

(a) converted certain existing voucher parking places into shared use operation allowing free parking for an initial 15 minutes in:-

(i) Chingford Mount, E4 area: Albert Avenue, Albert Crescent, Chingford Mount Road, Hall Lane, Mount Avenue, Normanshire Drive, Old Church Road, and Templeton Avenue;

(ii) High Road Leyton, E10 area: Adelaide Road, Balmoral Road, Buckingham Road, Dunedin Road, High Road Leyton, Huxley Road, Lyttelton Road, Murchison Road, Osborne Road, St. Mary's Road, Sedgewick Road, Sidmouth Road, Tyndall Road, Warren Road and Windsor Road; and

(iii) Station Road, E4 area: Buxton Road, Carbis Close, Connaught Avenue, Forest Approach; Springfield Road and Station Road.

(b) introduced a loading bay (Monday to Saturday 7am to 7pm 30 minutes no return within 2 hours) in Acacia Road E17 on the north side, adjacent to No 158 Markhouse Road.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation on 17th December 2012 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of either of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated: 17th December 2012

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1). THE WALTHAM FOREST (HANDSWORTH AVENUE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013. TT31

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends making an Order to enable carriageway works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in Handsworth Avenue, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) from certain sections of this road.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out no person shall:-

(a) cause or permit any vehicle enter or proceed, at any time, in that length of Handsworth Aveune that lies between the north-eastern boundary of No.16 Handsworth Avenue and the north-eastern boundary of No. 31 Handsworth Avenue;

(b) cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in that length of Handsworth Avenue that lies between the south-western boundary of No.16 Handsworth Avenue and the north-eastern boundary of No. 35 Handsworth Avenue.

3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2(a) above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.

4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:–

(a) in connection with the said works; or

(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

6. The Order would come into operation:-

(a) for the purposes of paragraph 2(a) above on 18th February 2013 and would be valid until 31st March but it is anticipated that the works would be completed by 24th February 2013; and

(b) for the purposes of paragraph 2(b) above on 11th February 2013 and would be valid until 31st March but it is anticipated that the works would be completed by 1st March 2013 or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated 17th December 2012

Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1). THE WALTHAM FOREST (VARIOUS ROADS, IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2013. TT33

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends making an Order to enable road marking works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in certain roads.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the following roads or sections of roads;-

(a) Balmoral Road;
(b) Brisbane Road;
(c) Buckingham Road;
(d) Cart Lane;
(e) Clifford Road;
(f) Connaught Road;
(g) Cross Road;
(h) Garfield Road;
(i) Kingsley Road;
(j) Osborne Road;
(k) Queen's Grove Road;
(l) St. Johns Road;
(i) between its junction with Spruce Hills Road and a point 10 metres north of that junction;
(ii) between its junction with Spruce Hills Road and a point 10 metres south of that junction;
(m) Springfield Road;
(n) Spruce Hills Road;
(o) Stanley Road.
(p) Station Road, between a point 10 metres north-east of its junction with Springfield Road and a point 10 metres south-west of its junction with Queen's Grove Road;
(q) Sturge Avenue, between its junction with Spruce Hills Road and a point 10 metres north of that Junction; and
(r) Windsor Road.

3. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

4. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used: -

(a) in connection with the said works; or

(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

5. The Order would come into operation on 14th January 2013 and would be valid for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. Leaflets would be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the restrictions.

Dated 17th December 2012

Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF WEIGHT AND WIDTH RESTRICTIONS, WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND AMENDMENT TO PARKING – SUFFOLK PARK ROAD AND RITCHINGS AVENUE. The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restrictions) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Blackhorse Lane CPZ) (Parking Places) (Revocation No. *) Traffic Order 201*. The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Route) (No. *) Traffic Order 201*. T38

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders, in regard to Suffolk Park Road at its junction with Ritchings Avenue, would be to:-

(a) introduce waiting restrictions operating "at any time" into certain sections of Suffolk Park Road and Ritchings Avenue;

(b) remove an existing permit parking place in Suffolk Park Road;

(c) prohibit all vehicles from entering Suffolk Park Road from Ritchings Avenue;

(d) introduce a vehicular width restriction of 2.75 metres and a weight restriction of 3 tonnes into Suffolk Park Road at this junction.

3. Copies of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and of plans showing the location and effect of the Orders can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 and (b) The Reception Desk, The London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to object to any of the proposed Orders or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS quoting reference T38 by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference T38

Dated 17th December 2012

Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – GREVILLE ROAD AREA AND WOOD STREET

The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* The Waltham Forest (20 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No. *) Traffic Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. *) Order 201* T39

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 84 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, introduce speed humps and raised junction treatments under Section 90C of the Highway Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:-

(a) Introduce waiting restrictions operating "at any time" into certain sections of Barrett Road, Brooke Road, Brookfield Avenue, Burns Close, Chestnut Avenue South, Evelyn Road, Ferndale Avenue, Oliver Road, Raglan Road, Roland Road, Rosslyn Road, Shernhall Street;

(b) Introduce a 20 m.p.h. zone, with a maximum speed limit of 20 m.p.h., into the following roads: Barrett Road, Brooke Road, Brookfield Avenue, Chestnut Avenue North, Chestnut Avenue South, Evelyn Road, Ferndale Avenue, Greenacre Gardens, Greville Road, Oliver Road, Raglan Road, Roland Road, Rosslyn Road;

(c) prohibit all vehicles, except cycles, from entering Roland Road, at its junction with Ferndale Avenue and Oliver Road; and

(d) amend the operational hours of waiting restrictions in a certain section of Wood Street from operating between 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive to between 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

3. It is also proposed to:-

(a) introduce speed humps in various roads as set out in Schedule 1 to this Notice;

(b) introduce raised junction treatments in various roads as set out in Schedule 2 to this Notice;

4. Copies of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and of plans showing the location and effect of the Orders and proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) the Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 The Reception Desk and (b) the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

5. Any person desiring to object to any of the Orders, or proposed measures, or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, quoting reference T39, by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders T39.

Dated 17th December 2012
Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

Schedule 1

Speed Humps: The speed humps would be constructed and maintained with a maximum height of 100 millimetres and would vary in length and width and on/off ramps would be constructed with a sinusoidal profile.

Barrett Road, between a point 3 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 4 and 5 Alfred Villas and a point 4 metres south-west of that point.

Barrett Road, between a point 2 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 11 and 13 Barrett Road and a point 4 metres south-west of that point.

Barrett Road, between a point 3 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 33 and 35a Barrett Road and a point 4 metres south-west of that point.

Barrett Road, between a point 4 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 49 and 51 Barrett Road and a point 4 metres south-west of that point.

Barrett Road, between a point 0.5 of a metre south-west of the common boundary of Nos.79 and 81 Barrett Road and a point 4 metres south-west of that point.

Brooke Road, between the common boundary of Nos. 86 and 88 Brooke Road and a point 4 metres north of that boundary.

Brooke Road, between a point 4 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 23 and 25 Brooke Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Brooke Road, between a point 2 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 62 and 64 Brooke Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Brooke Road, between a point 2.5 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 12 Brooke Road and No. 21 Oliver Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Brookfield Avenue, between a point 3 metres east of the common boundary of Nos. 17 and 18 Brookfield Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Chestnut Avenue North, between a point 2 metres south-west of the common boundary of Nos. 5 and 7 Chestnut Avenue North and a point 4 metres south-west of that point.

Chestnut Avenue South, between a point 1 metre south of the common boundary of Nos. 87 and 89 Chestnut Avenue South and a point 4 metres south-west of that point.

Chestnut Avenue South, between a point 1 metre south of the common boundary of Nos. 121 and 123 Chestnut Avenue South and a point 4 metres south-west of that point.

Evelyn Road, between a point 4 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 41 and 43 Evelyn Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Ferndale Avenue, between a point 0.5 of a metre south of the common boundary of Nos. 1 and 3 Ferndale Avenue and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Ferndale Avenue, between a point 0.5 of a metre south of the common boundary of Nos. 27 and 29 Ferndale Avenue and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Greville Road, between a point 27 metres south of the south-eastern kerb-line of Barratt Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Greville Road, between a point 0.5 of a metre south of the common boundary of Nos. 13 and 15 Greville Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Greville Road, between a point 1 metre south of the common boundary of Nos. 39 and 41 Greville Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Oliver Road, between a point 7 metres west of the eastern boundary of No. 71 Chestnut Avenue South and a point 4 metres west of that point.

Oliver Road, between the common boundary of Nos. 25 and 27 Oliver Road and a point 4 metres east of that point.

Roland Road, between the common boundary of Nos. 23 and 25 Roland Road and a point 4 metres south-west of that boundary.

Roland Road, between a point 3 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 32 and 34 Roland Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Rosslyn Road, between a point 0.5 of a metre north of the common boundary of Nos. 34 and 36 Rosslyn Road and a point 4 metres south of that point.

Schedule 2

Raised Junction Treatments: The raised junction treatments would be constructed and maintained with a maximum height of 100 millimetres and would vary in length and width and on/off ramps would be constructed at a gradient of 1:20 to 1:30

Barrett Road, between the south-western kerb-line of Wood Street and a point 5 metres south-west of that kerb-line

Barrett Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Shernhall Street and a point 8 metres east of that kerb-line, on the south side and 4 metres east of that kerb-line on the north side.

Brookfield Avenue, between the eastern kerb-line of Shernhall Street and a point 5 metres east of that kerb-line.

Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for a building within a Conservation Area has been made to this Authority.

APPL.NO 2012/1631

APPLICANT Mr David Lee

ADDRESS 52 Browning Road, Leytonstone, London E11 3AR,

PROPOSAL Conversion of dwelling house into 2 x 3 bedroom dwelling house incorporating two ground floor side extension, first floor side extension and formation of rooms in roof. Provision of two car parking spaces.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated 17th December 2012

David Scourfield - Head of Development Management On Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF A LOCAL PLAN (REGULATION 22) WALTHAM FOREST LOCAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT SUBMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Waltham Forest Council has submitted the above local plan document to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination. The document was submitted on 10 December 2012. The Local Plan Development Management Policies document contains proposed planning policies used mainly to guide and determine planning applications within the Borough (along with other Local Plan documents).

Inspection of documents

Copies of the Local Plan Development Management Policies and accompanying submission documents including a Schedule of Representations made at the publication stage, Schedule of Post Publication Minor Changes, Sustainability Appraisal Report, and a Consultation Statement on the preparation of the document are available for inspection:

1) at all Waltham Forest Libraries (during normal opening hours)

2) at Sycamore House (Reception), Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, London E17 4JF

3) by downloading from the Council's website: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ldf

4) by viewing from Limehouse link: http://walthamforest-limehouse

Paper copies of the Local Plan Development Management Policies Submission documents are available on request by contacting the Planning Policy Team at the address below.

Planning Policy Team, Sycamore House, London Borough of Waltham Forest, Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, London E17 4JF

Further information:

For enquiries, email planning.policy@walthamforest.gov.uk or contact the Planning Policy Team on Tel. 020 8496 3000 or at the address above.

National Fraud Initiative

NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE EXERCISE

Waltham Forest Council is required to provide particular sets of data that it holds for a data matching exercise called the National Fraud Initiative. This exercise is completed every two years and assists in the prevention and detection of error and fraud against public funds. The NFI involves comparing computer data records held by or relating to Waltham Forest Council with National Fraud Initiative Exercise public sector bodies that audit and administer public funds. Data includes data relating to Blue Badge users; Housing tenants; Council Tax Benefit; Housing Benefit; Residential Parking Permits; Concessionary Freedom Passes; Alcohol Licenses; Market Traders and Insurance claims.

The Council is required to provide the data under Part 2A of the Audit Commission Act – 1998 and does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under the Data Protection Act – 1998.

Further information can be obtained on the Waltham Forest website: http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/pages/services/fpi.aspx

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23-25 North Birkbeck Road,
Leytonstone, E11 4JF

- Friday 18th January 2013, 13.30pm

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